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► Roy Halladay of the Philadelphia Phillies throws during the first inning of the MLB All-Star Game last night in Phoenix. Halladay pitched two scoreless innings as the National League defeated the American League 5-1.

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Progress of black community uncertain: Panel

► Panel discusses legacy of 1991 race riot in Halifax ► Violence in black community has increased 'at least tenfold' since riot: Dr. Jones ► Dozens of people turn out for discussion



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Two decades have passed since a bar fight turned into a race riot, tearing up Halifax's downtown.

But it's difficult to say whether conditions have improved for African Nova Scotians in the province's capital in the intervening 20 years.

That was the conclusion of a discussion last night at the North Branch Public Library on Göttingen Street, where leaders from the black community congregated to mark the anniversary of the riot with a panel discussion.

"We cannot just say that things are getting better. Some things are getting better, but the other side of it is our communi-

ties are getting further and further and further behind," said Dr. Rocky Jones, an Order of Nova Scotia recipient and community leader.

On July 18, 1991, two black men were jumped at an Argyle Street bar. According to Jones, once the men got back uptown, it didn't take long for word to spread through the community about what had happened.

The early-morning hours of July 19 brought approximately 150 people, mostly young black men with some white males also, into the downtown.

Jones said they were out to deal with racist bartenders and bouncers, but the events that followed expanded far beyond that scope.

Fifteen people were injured in

"We need to teach our children that we get even by succeeding."

AMERICAN EDUCATOR MARVA COLLINS, WHO SAT ON A PANEL DISCUSSING THE LEGACY OF HALIFAX'S RACE RIOT

the ensuing riot, eight people were arrested, and the city appeared on TV sets and made newspaper headlines across the country.

Last night, several speakers pointed to RCMP Sgt. Craig Smith, a black officer who sat on the panel, as proof race relations in Nova Scotia have improved — at least with the police.

But all speakers stressed the central role of education as a means of furthering the cause of racial equality in the province.

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**Atlantic
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Not enough funds for N.S. gun registry: Dexter

- ▶ Harper government has said abolition of long-gun registry is a priority
- ▶ But gun control advocates say registry works best at federal level



▶ Erick Corkum, clerk at The Army Navy Store on Agricola Street in Halifax, displays a 12-gauge Mossburg shotgun in this file photo.



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Quebec might have the money to create its own long-gun registry, but Nova Scotia does not, says Premier Darrell Dexter.

Scrapping the 16-year-old long-gun registry is now a high priority for the federal government.

Quebec has expressed interest in creating its own registry, but the federal Conservatives have said it won't help provinces with funding or with sharing

information.

And while he thinks it may be beneficial, a registry is not a financial burden this province can shoulder, Dexter said yesterday.

"We simply don't have the money to embark on costly or comprehensive jurisdictional areas that belong to the federal government," he said.

Dexter said Quebec may be better placed to pursue its own long-gun registry.

"We're struggling to make sure we keep teachers in the classrooms. We

Opponents

Opponents of the registry say it is a waste of money at any level because the vast majority of firearms used in crimes are unregistered anyway.

keep nurses at work in our hospitals. We have real priorities we're trying to deal with and we're going to concentrate on that," he said.

It's the money and not the actual registry that Dexter has a problem

▶ But supporters of the 16-year-old federal program say it saves lives, particularly in reducing the use of firearms in domestic disputes, suicides and attacks against police.

with.

He said it may be a hot-button topic, but data shows police benefit from the registry.

"Even if you don't like the way it was set up, the idea of registration was not a bad one," he said.

Shots fired at two men as they drove away from shop: Police

There has been another shooting in HRM.

Last night, Halifax Regional Police said shots were fired at two people inside a vehicle as they were driving away from a convenience store at 553 Pleasant St. in Dartmouth.

Police said the males — aged 21 and 18 — were confronted by two other men as they left the store just after 6:30 p.m. One of the suspects reached into his clothing for what the victims believed was a handgun, and so they sped away in their vehicle.

But as they were driving, police said several shots were fired at them, with multiple bullets striking the vehicle they were in.

After driving a short distance, police were called. There were no injuries.

An HRP release last night said the investigation is in its early stages. They are asking anyone with information about the shooting to contact police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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50 There have been close to 50 shootings in HRM this year, which surpasses the total for all of 2010.

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BUSINESSMAN'S DEATH

Cops won't say if axe was used

Police refused to comment on a report published yesterday that New Brunswick businessman Richard Oland was bludgeoned to death with an axe.

The Toronto Star quoted an unnamed source as saying the 69-year-old Oland was killed with

an axe. Police in Saint John have refused to release the cause of death.

Quoting its source, the Star said police have a "No. 1" suspect in the killing whose story has been full of inconsistencies.

Police Chief Bill Reid said police believe Oland knew the person responsible for his death.

Oland was a member of the family that owns Moosehead Breweries Ltd., although he left the firm in the 1980s.

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► Richard Oland

Birch Cove Beach closed

A popular HRM beach has been closed after swimmers and lifeguards came down with gastrointestinal illnesses.

A spokeswoman for the municipality says it is testing the water at Birch Cove Beach on Lake Banook after three lifeguards and 12

patrons reported being sick.

Michaelyn Thompson says the results should be received in the next few days. Thompson says the beach will remain closed until the problem is resolved.

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Wagers down: Report

► Despite the tumble, acting game president says 'year went well'



► An annual gambling report released yesterday shows wagers on video-lottery terminals were down by almost \$16 million to \$672 million in 2010-2011.

Gambling revenues in Nova Scotia have fallen slightly due to a rise in operating expenses and a \$10-million drop in wagers, says an annual report released yesterday.

The report from the province's Alcohol and Gaming Division says total wagers fell to \$1.42 billion in 2010-2011 from the \$1.43 billion gambled the year before.

Operating expenses went up from \$70 million to \$78 million.

The Nova Scotia Gaming Corp. generated \$141.6 million for the province's coffers — about \$11 million more than the NDP government budgeted. But that's down from \$145.9 million the previous year.

"Despite the slight de-

Wagers

► The Atlantic Lottery Corp. logged higher purchases of the national draw game, Lotto Max, helping it to increase its revenues to \$216 million, up eight per cent from the year before.

► Wagers on video lottery terminals are down by almost \$16 million to \$672 million — still just under half of all wagers in the province.

cline, the year went well," Stephen MacDonald, Nova Scotia Gaming's acting president, said in a statement.

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CANADA'S GOT TALENT

City picked to host fall auditions

Get ready to sing, dance, pogo stick — whatever. The chance to show off your skills is coming this fall. Halifax has been named as one of six Canadian cities that will host auditions for Canada's Got Talent, a show launching next spring by Rogers Media.

Auditions for Halifax are scheduled for Oct. 11 to 12 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. There's no age limit to enter and no criteria for unique skills, as the casting call goes out to everyone from musicians to acrobats. Those chosen will compete in front of a live studio audience and panel of judges next spring.

More information on applying for the show can be found at canadassgottalent.com.

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3 face charges in thefts from cars

Police say three males from Sackville face charges after various items were stolen from several vehicles early Monday morning.

Halifax RCMP say the cars were in the Millwood subdivision, with police identifying and arresting three suspects yesterday around 8 p.m.

A 20-year-old man, along with two male

Recovered

Police say the stolen property recovered included GPS' and cellphones.

youths aged 16 and 13, are facing charges for theft and possession of stolen property and will appear in court at a later date.

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Mills want lower rates

Nova Scotia Power customers shouldn't mind paying a little more if it helps keep two pulp mills in business, says Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities head Billy Joe MacLean. The owners of the mills in Point Tupper and Liverpool have filed a request for lower power rates.

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Strip club to shut down

Dancers from Fredericton's sole strip club will soon be looking for work after a decision by the city to buy the bar — only to close it down. Holly Ramsay, the 27-year-old manager of the North Star Sports Bar Pub, said the \$500,000 sale to the City of Fredericton saddened employees.

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Teens trekking from Halifax to Argentina

► Duo have more than 400 Twitter and 100 blog followers a day ► Pair hope to pass on their 18abroad website to other 18-year-old travellers



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Leaving their parents in near-heart-attack status, two Cole Harbour teens are trekking their way down to South America.

Phil Duffenais and Josh Kiteley, both 18, are putting off college to backpack from Halifax to Argentina. They're leaving tomorrow.

"My parents are not sleeping. They are very worried," said Kiteley.

Duffenais said his parents are pretty nervous too.

"They don't mind the word Florida, but they don't like the word Colombia," Duffenais said.

He said he's not worried about Colombia because he has a friend to stay with there. Duffenais said he's more worried about travelling between Bolivia and Brazil.

Along the way they're blogging their trip and will publish articles on their website 18abroad.com.

They're raising money through a postcard campaign — \$10 for a postcard from Argentina when they arrive — and hope to get free stays in hostels in exchange for mentions in their blog.



► Phil Duffenais, left, and Josh Kiteley are two 18-year-olds from Cole Harbour who are leaving on a backpacking trip to South America tomorrow. They hope to pay for their trip by fundraising and through their blog.

"I have very raw Spanish."

PHIL DUFFENAIS

They also have some friends to stay with along the way.

"The whole point of it isn't to pay," Duffenais said. "Because we're so young it's a lot more interesting and people are a lot more interested in the

content (on the blog)."

There will be bus trips and small flights along the way but they'll be travelling a lot on their own steam.

"We have a whole host of different ways we're going to be taking. I have a skateboard, he has a bike, and between drives and people helping us out — really, sky's the limit," Kiteley said.

Trip timeline

- The first leg of their trip is to Moncton and then they'll head down the coast to Miami by Aug. 4.
- Teens plan to visit 63 cities in 12 countries along the way.
- They've been planning trip for about a month.
- They plan to return home by Christmas.

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Do you think Twitter should be monitored, policed and restricted?



Dave Stibrany

27, WEB DEVELOPER, TORONTO

There's such a fine line between free speech and what you can say. It's hard to monitor it, but I definitely think that something should be done with this problem.



Valentina Monreal

23, STUDENT, TORONTO

Of course. But who's actually going to monitor it? Everyone's going to use the whole free-speech amendment.



Brian Wong

24, MARKETING, AURORA

I don't think it should be monitored. People are going to think whatever they want to whether or not you let them say it on Twitter.



Oma Okuma

40, GRAPHIC DESIGNER, VANCOUVER

Maybe we're going to say that everyone should have their free opinion or whatever, but I don't know — people can be very cruel.

Lessons from celeb tweets gone wrong

A word of caution to Twitter users, celebrity or otherwise: Be careful not to show too much Weiner. As one United States congressman found out the hard way, nothing sent online is ever private. Here are some celebrity tweets gone wrong:

Anthony Weiner:

U.S. Representative Anthony Weiner resigned as a result of inappropriate

messages and photos he sent to women on Twitter and Facebook. Most famous is a tweet of his boxer-clad genitals he sent to a 21-year-old woman.

Ryan Seacrest:

The former American Idol host tweeted contestant Lacey Brown's elimination on American Idol 17 minutes before the show aired.

"Packed radio show to-

morrow ... got tonight's voted-off idol Lacey Brown, @orianthi, @thedavidcook, & dakota fanning with deets on



► Anthony Weiner



► Courtney Love

'Eclipse.'"

Kenneth Cole:

The world-famous designer had to apologize after comments he made about the uprising in Egypt, resulting in outrage from the Twitter community.

"Millions are in uproar in #Cairo. Rumor is they heard our new spring collection is now available online

<http://bit.ly/KCairo> -KC" **Courtney Love:**

The singer's tweets about designer Dawn Simorangkir cost her \$430,000 in a libel lawsuit. She called the designer a "vile horrible lying bitch," as well as cocaine dealer, embezzler, racist and homophobic, and even threatened her life.

● PHOEBE HO

Mob mentality yielding mean tweets on negative stereotypes

► #fatpeoplenightmares was trending topic across Canada and the U.S. for nearly 31 hours last week



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When Twitter goes from fun, games and Bieber love to mean trending topics, it becomes a form of bullying, an expert says.

"When you look at taunting and teasing within Twitter ... that type of bullying can drive a person to some serious depths of despair," said Tim Richardson, social media expert and e-commerce professor at the University of Toronto.

Trending topics like #whatmakesablackgirlmad illustrate how Twitter can become a platform for negative stereotyping and cyber-bullying, said Richardson.

Last week, Twitter showed its mean streak again when users began posting hundreds of tweets suggesting overweight people fear exercise, lettuce and the middle seat on flights.

"At the moment, you really don't think how it could affect someone. You just respond to it to make other people laugh."

MARITZA SANCHEZ, 21

"People were saying these things that are so hurtful that they would never have the guts to say in person," said Sam Tremblay, 22, who tweeted to criticize the #fatpeoplenightmares hash tag.

Richardson said many Twitter users do not think twice before tweeting because they can hide behind the anonymity of the Internet.

"The thing with Twitter is that people are distanced from the pain that they're causing other people, and so they will do these things more easily," Richardson said.

Maritza Sanchez, 21,



► Tim Richardson, e-commerce professor at U of T, has examined the effects of group dynamics in trending-topic discussions that encourage users to tweet comments that reinforce negative stereotypes.

tweeted that overweight people are afraid their cake will come to life and run away. Sanchez said she knows it wasn't right but she didn't consider how others would feel at the time.

But one Torontonian, who tweets as @Kandian_Kid, said users should lighten up because Twitter is not a serious platform. Another user, @guyanesemon, equated the tweets to standup comedy.

Watch your social media activities during job search

Your job application was turned down even though you have the education, skills and experience the company is looking for. Reason? Check your Facebook and Twitter posts.

Some employers say they base about half of their hiring decisions on applicants' social media activities.

"What intrigues me enough to contact that person is what they have online, what they have done in the past," said Sam Manna, director of client development and talent acquisition at Argentus Search Group.

"If the person doesn't have a filter, if they don't understand the line between what should be said and what shouldn't be, then it's kind of hard for us to put our name on that person and say that's the best that we have."

● PHOEBE HO

Facebook, Time Warner gang up on bullies

Facebook and Time Warner are ganging up on bullies to address a problem that torments millions of children and young adults.

The partnership announced yesterday calls for Facebook and Time Warner to use their clout to raise awareness about bullying and encourage more people

to report the abuses when they see them. Facebook's participation reflects a growing recognition that its online social network consisting of more than 750 million people has become an outlet for harassment as well as friendship.

"We believe that by working together with par-

ents and teachers, we can teach young people to speak up and stop bullying," said Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer.

The anti-bullying campaign will be waged on the Internet, on TV and radio and several major U.S. magazines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

TV watching down: StatsCan

Fewer Canadians are regularly watching TV today

but those who do haven't curtailed their viewing. Statistics Canada reports that the proportion of Canadians who said they watched television dropped from 77 per cent to 73 per cent between 1998 and 2010.

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CIA infiltrated Abbottabad: Report

► Pakistani officials arrest doctor who helped run fake medical program designed to obtain bin Laden DNA

The CIA ran a phoney vaccination program in the Pakistani town where Osama bin Laden's family was believed to be living in an effort to obtain DNA evidence indicating whether the al-Qaida leader was there, the New York Times reported.

An American official said the Pakistani doctor who ran the program in Abbottabad gained temporary access to the bin Laden compound but never saw bin Laden himself and failed to obtain DNA samples from bin Laden family members, the Times reported on Monday.

A team of Navy SEALs killed bin Laden during a raid in May. U.S. officials have said they were not certain bin Laden was in



► Osama bin Laden

the compound in Abbottabad when President Barack Obama gave the go-ahead for the operation.

Dr. Shakil Afridi, who ran the vaccination program, has been arrested

and held in Pakistani custody because of his suspected collaboration with the U.S., the Times reported.

The CIA declined to comment on the Times report when contacted by The Associated Press. The vaccination program was first reported by the Guardian newspaper of London.

The bin Laden raid was kept secret from Pakistani officials, which has strained U.S.-Pakistan relations. Bin Laden's ability to live for years in Abbottabad, where Pakistan's main military academy is located, has led to speculation in the U.S. that some elements of the Pakistani government knew of his whereabouts.

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Thrill. Bull run



► Revellers run beside a fallen bull during the sixth running of the bulls at the San Fermin fiestas in Pamplona northern Spain.

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Two people go down at San Fermin

Two people have been injured in the sixth running of the bulls at Spain's famed San Fermin festival. Spanish Red Cross spokesman Jose Aldaba said yesterday that one person suffered a horn injury to the back and another was hit in the shoulder. It was not immediately known how serious the injuries were.

Afghan president's relative killed

Ahmed Wali Karzai, the half-brother of the Afghan president, was shot dead early yesterday by a security guard who was well

known to the family of the Kandahar political kingpin.

The alleged assassin, identified as Sardar Mo-

ammed, was immediately gunned down by members of Karzai's security detail, local police said.

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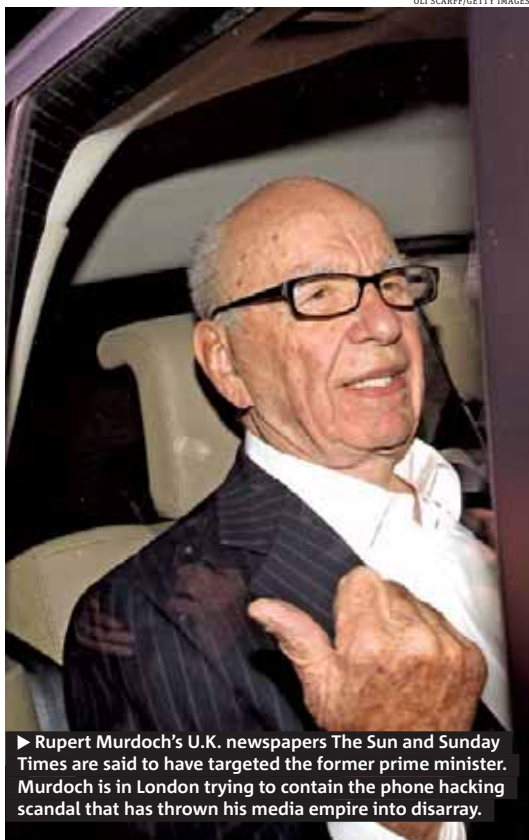
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► Rupert Murdoch's U.K. newspapers The Sun and Sunday Times are said to have targeted the former prime minister. Murdoch is in London trying to contain the phone hacking scandal that has thrown his media empire into disarray.

Give up BSkyB: British PM

► David Cameron tells Rupert Murdoch to withdraw bid for broadcaster
► Sides with opposition ► Phone hacking scandal reaches former PM

Bad news week

► The rapid erosion of Rupert Murdoch's political influence is raising speculation that he could close his U.K. newspapers to avoid more legal problems and boost his hopes of seizing control of BSkyB.

► But some observers think the idea of a U.K. newspaper shutdown is absurd. "It's completely bonkers," said Claire Enders of Enders Analysis. "They just invested \$1 billion in new presses. They have revenues of 1 billion pounds a year and around 50 million pounds profit."




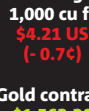
The cozy relationship that Rupert Murdoch long enjoyed with the British political establishment came to an abrupt end yesterday, just as he needed it to complete one of his biggest media buys ever.

The billionaire, tainted by a cellphone hacking scandal at one of his newspapers, suddenly faces stiff government opposition to his bid for total control of a much more lucrative property: the satellite British Sky Broadcasting company.

The news came in a stunning announcement from Prime Minister David Cameron that the government will support an opposition motion calling on Murdoch and his News Corp. to withdraw the \$12 billion US bid for BSkyB.

Cameron's turnaround

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means the Australian-born Murdoch, who held great influence in British politics no matter who ran the government, suddenly finds all three major political parties lined up against him. He's even been asked to ap-

pear before lawmakers next week to answer questions about the conduct of News International, the U.K. arm of News Corp.

Cameron took action after his predecessor, Gordon Brown, gave an emotional televised interview yesterday saying that Murdoch journalists had illegally obtained his confidential bank accounts, tax records and even health information about his son, who suffers from cystic fibrosis.

News International did not comment on the government's decision yesterday. Murdoch, his son James and News International chief Rebekah Brooks have been asked to appear before British lawmakers to answer questions about the hacking charges. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

RIM future secure with new smartphones: CEOs

Research In Motion faces challenges as it moves to release a new operating system, but the company is strong and on the verge of its biggest product launch ever, Jim Balsillie, RIM's co-chief executive, told shareholders yesterday at the

company's packed annual meeting in Waterloo, Ont.

There were no signs of serious discontent among shareholders, despite a recent spate of criticism and a serious drop in RIM's stock price. In fact, Balsillie and co-CEO Mike Lazaridis were

welcomed with applause.

The RIM chiefs highlighted plans to launch seven new smartphones running its new operating system, which they insisted would help the new BlackBerry Bold jump a generation in technology and secure the

company's future success.

RIM stock, which closed up 32 cents at \$27.52 on the TSX yesterday, has been on a steep slide in recent months and trades for a fraction of its all-time high of more than \$140.

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A CHANCE TO EMPOWER CHILDREN

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My youngest daughter, Chloe, has been bugging me for years to coach her house-league soccer team. I remember how cool it was when my dad coached me at soccer as a kid, so I finally stepped up this spring and volunteered, having no real idea of what the heck I was getting myself into — or the learning curve involved.

One of my biggest fears, other than the time involved, was this: You take an ultra-competitive guy who played all-star soccer growing up and put him in charge of a bunch of nine-year-old girls at different skill levels and you just don't know what you're going to get.

My wife has been like, "Well, you're not here to teach them how to win; you're here to let them have fun, exercise, develop some skills." But I'm like, "I know it's house league, but, well, I just *hate* losing. At anything. Period. How can I just turn off my competitive nature? Let's bend it like Beckham!"

Somehow, I have tried to repress that competitive side.

"The long and the short is this: To the thousands of dads and moms across Canada who volunteer their time each week coaching teams — I'm starting to get it now. You guys are awesome. See you at indoor soccer."

I do my best to be fair with all the girls. I divvy up playing time and allow them to try different positions and develop at their own pace. If a more skilled forward scores a goal, I will (while biting my tongue) sometimes move them back to midfield or defence or sub them out just to prove it's not all about winning.

I have also learned to navigate other coaching duties: What parents bring snacks each week, huge storms that blow in out of nowhere where you have to yell at the teenage referee "Stop the game early! Pull the kids off the field!" and the delicate balance of

coaching your daughter and not playing favouritism.

The ultimate goal about coaching at this level, I'm learning, is to empower these girls. To encourage and instill confidence in them at this vital life stage while also just letting them have fun. If we happen to win the game, too, that's gravy. (That said, if we're up 2-1 with minutes to go, I might put my best defenders back there, but shhhhh.)

My daughter loves that daddy is the coach. And daddy pretty much loves doing it, though there are moments after a long work day where he would rather just kick back than gather all the soccer balls and game sheets and water bottles and drive to a soccer field to coach on a sweltering summer evening.

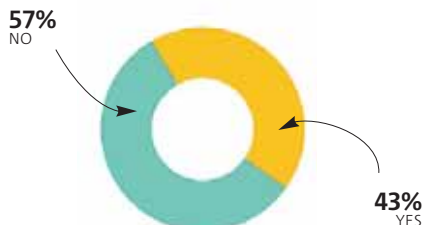
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EDITOR'S NOTE: PAUL SULLIVAN'S JUST SAYIN' WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK
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Will the U.S. Congress reach a deal to raise the debt limit?



Worth mentioning

Schools and hospitals were designated by the UN Security Council yesterday as safe havens for children threatened by war.

Led by visiting German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, the council voted unanimously yesterday to have the UN chief "name and shame" national security forces and other armed groups that target schools and hospitals in conflicts, often killing, maiming or sexually violating children. The resolution, spearheaded by Germany, also called on all countries to take action to help stop the growing practice.

"Because children are very often the first victims of violence and conflict, we must do what we can to protect them," Westerwelle said.

Jo Becker, advocacy director for children's rights at Human Rights Watch, said a UN blacklist of groups responsible for school and hospital attacks could have "a real impact."

"What this does is puts them on notice," Becker said. "It stigmatizes them."

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Honey spill creates quite the buzz

Cleanup crews in Island Park, Idaho, found themselves in a sticky situation after clearing honey and an estimated 14 million bees that got loose after a delivery truck overturned on a highway.

Fremont County Sheriff deputies say several workers were stung during the first few hours of the cleanup Sunday.



And some observers told The Post-Register about seeing a strange black cloud and roaring noise above the spill area before realizing it was a massive swarm of bees.

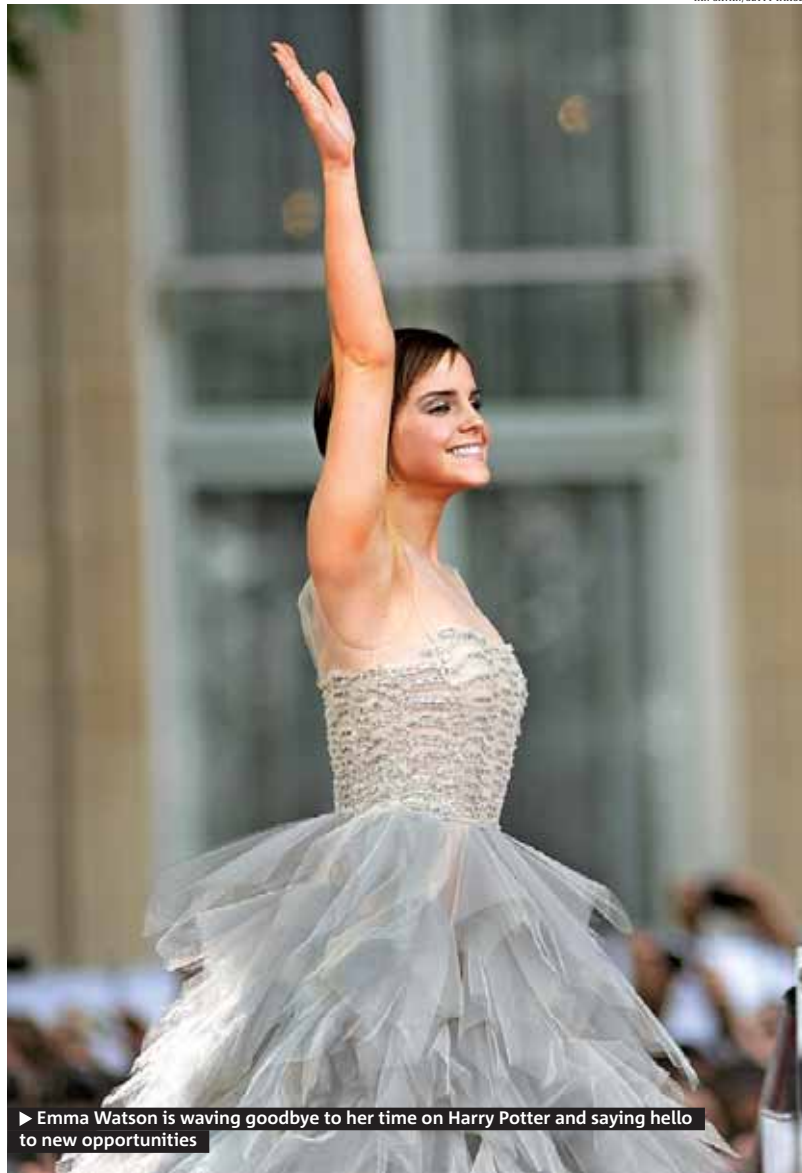
Authorities say a truck was hauling the bees to North Dakota from California when the driver veered off the shoulder, tipping more than 400 hive boxes and honey.

Crews worked all day Monday before removing all the honey from the roadway, though deputies say a significant amount of bees were still buzzing.

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Watson waves bye

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► Emma Watson is waving goodbye to her time on Harry Potter and saying hello to new opportunities

► **Actress looking forward to new films, new schools and new changes**



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From the age of nine, British actress Emma Watson has lived and breathed Harry Potter — having starred in all eight of the films as Potter's close friend, the bookish Muggle-born Hermione Granger. While Watson gave a tearful speech at the final film's premiere in London last week, as Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part Two gets released, the actress is also eagerly awaiting her post-Potter life — even if she and Hermione have basically already become the same person.

What was your last scene as Hermione?

The last shot we did was this strange moment where we dive into the fireplace in the Ministry of Magic. It was actually for part one, not part two and so Dan, Rupert and I one by one jumped onto these blue safety mats. It seemed like a strange scene to go out on but actually (director David Yates) made the point that we were leaping into the unknown.

It was kind of a perfect metaphor for what we were all about to go into. I can't tell you how I felt when we were shooting it. **Were there any last moments**

"This film was obviously incredibly challenging for me." **EMMA WATSON**

from shooting that stick out in your mind?

This film was obviously incredibly challenging for me.

It really pushed me as an actress but at the same time, I was able to use a lot of my own genuine emotion that I felt about loss and it all coming to an end. So yeah, not much acting required, really. It was all there for me.

What's next for you?

It's obviously scary — change is always scary, but I feel like I'm entering a new chapter, like I get a fresh start, and there's something really exciting about that. I have just made a film called The Perks of Being a Wallflower which was just an incredible experience.

So are you going back to Brown?

I'm going to Oxford in the fall to study English for a year. I haven't left Brown. I'm still enrolled at Brown but I'm doing my third year abroad, studying at home, abroad for me. I'll go back to the States for my last year. I took a semester off but my A-level credits actually count as an advance placement.

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Jersey Shore



Assault charges will be dismissed if Jersey Shore cast member Ronald (Ronnie) Ortiz-Magro stays out of trouble. The charges stem from a fight outside a Seaside Heights nightclub in 2009.

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Patty, Ellen and a new life for 'Damages' as legal thriller returns

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'I actually thought I was going to die'

► Orlando Bloom's wife talks about turning down pain meds while giving birth to their son, Flynn

Miranda Kerr admits that giving birth to her and Orlando Bloom's son, Flynn, in January was more than a little difficult.

"I actually thought I was going to die at one point and left my body," she tells InStyle Australia.

"I was looking down on myself, the pain was so intense. I kept thinking,

'How do women do this?' But if other women have done this, I can do it too. I was determined."

Kerr says she decided against any anesthetic during her 27-hour labour.

When he was born, Flynn weighed in at nearly 10 pounds.

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► Miranda Kerr's baby weighed almost 10 pounds.

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Halle's alleged stalker arrested

Halle Berry can rest easy now that Richard Franco, the 27-year-old man who

allegedly stalked her home repeatedly over the weekend, was arrested for felony stalking late Monday night, according to TMZ.

Law enforcement officials say Franco jumped over the back wall of the Oscar-winning actress' home only to be nabbed by her private security, who

alerted the police.

Berry reportedly spotted Franco in her backyard multiple times over the weekend.

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Baby boom



► Jewel

New mom Jewel over the moon

IT'S A BABY BOY.

Jewel and her husband, Ty Murray, welcomed a baby boy, Kase Townes Murray, on Monday, the singer confirms to People magazine.

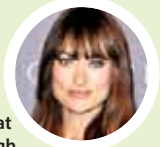
"Ty and I are so pleased to welcome our new baby boy into the world," Jewel tells the magazine.

"We are overcome with happiness. It really is as great as everyone told us it would be — better even!" ● METRO

Celebrity tweets



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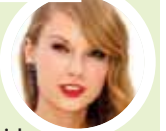
"A doorman just asked what year of high school I'm in. When I said I wasn't, he thought I was a drop-out and said I should rethink my future."

@azizansari



"If I was on a date and girl said she wasn't a fan of Above the Rim OR it's accompanying soundtrack, I'm out."

@taylorswift13



"Yeah, there are all sorts of fun things to do while sick and on vocal rest. Like sitting here, popping bubble wrap by myself."

@JonahHill



"A fun thing to do at public restrooms is to wait until someone leaves, then click your stopwatch and write something down in a notebook."

January hits baby shops

If January Jones' shopping habits are any indication, she's having a girl.

The very pregnant Mad Men star visited L.A. children's boutique Poppy recently, where she bought some decidedly girlish baby clothes, according to Hollyscoop.

Of course, shopping tendencies don't count for everything, as Jones was spotted last month checking out blue baby clothes at a Los Angeles Target, prompting many to specu-



► Mom-to-be January Jones

late she is having a boy.

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House arrest was OK: Lilo

Lindsay Lohan doesn't make 35 days of house arrest sound too bad. The actress tells an Australian radio station that she "enjoyed it" and "was able to get a lot of work done from home."

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► A military chapel, left, is illuminated during a night tour on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco. Alcatraz at night offers visitors an eerie adventure and different perspective on prison life.

Foggy Alcatraz by night

- Touring this former prison by night is 'kind of eerie with the fog and lights' says a visitor
- Off-limit areas including the dungeon and hospital are free to roam about when its dark

When night fell on The Rock in San Francisco Bay, visitors moved shadow-like through the former prison's lantern-lit hospital rooms, against dingy walls with peeling blue paint.

A hard wind whooshed and rattled a window in the hospital cell where Robert Stroud, The Birdman of Alcatraz, spent 11 of his 17 years at the dankest, hardest federal prison in the U.S.

Yet most of the more than one million tourists who visit the famous former prison annually never get to experience Alcatraz Island at night or see its spooky, decrepit hospital — experiences unique to the night tour.

At dusk the island prison that housed some of the nation's most notorious criminals — including Al Capone and the recently rearrested James (Whitey) Bulger, who was on The Rock for bank robbery from 1959 to 1963 — is often enshrouded by fog. Lamps on the grounds emit a ghostly glow.

The difference from the daytime tour is apparent. The ferry from San Francisco motors slowly around the isle, passing decrepit buildings surrounded by Al-



► A woman looks through a hole and bulletproof glass into a visitation area.

catraz's new residents: black Brandt's cormorants, western gulls and the other birds at home there since U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy shuttered the prison in 1963.

"This is a little eerie," said Gerard Lang, 28, who was visiting from Covington, Ky. "You kind of feel like you're heading to prison yourself."

Visitors begin a winding ascent past the prison's official sign, where a faded "Indians Welcome" is still visible, remnants of the Native American occupation of the island from 1969 to 1971. The island became a national park in 1972.



► Visitors look into cells in the main cell block.



► A man walks past the remains of the warden's house.

Passing the guano- and rust-covered buildings that once housed the families of prison guards, the park's employees tell in gripping detail a failed Friday the 13th, 1939, escape attempt. Once inside the prison, the audio tour features stories from ex-inmates and former prison guards on their own voices.

The tour leads visitors

through D Block, or solitary confinement, where you can stand inside a dark cell and listen to the voices of inmates. You can sense the isolation, the desperation.

On the ride back to shore, San Francisco's skyline glowed through the evening fog and many remarked on the unique evening spent on Alcatraz.

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The way there

► Alcatraz can only be reached by ferry and there is a charge for ferry service to and from the island, which includes the cellhouse audio tour and departs from Pier 33 at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

► Tickets are made available about 60 days in advance; reservations recommended as some tours do sell out, with the night tours among the most popular.

► Tours take 2 1/2 hours round-trip. Daytime tours are \$26 (\$16 for kids 5-11, free for children under 4, \$24.50 for seniors 62 and over), with departures 9:10 a.m.-3:55 p.m. daily. Night-time tours are \$33 (\$19.50 for kids 5-11, \$30.50 for seniors), with departures Thursday-Monday at 6:10 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

► For more information visit nps.gov/alcatraz

► For tickets and schedule at alcatrazcruises.cm.

B.C. Green Awards



A ranch in British Columbia's Cariboo region and a restaurant in Vancouver are among B.C. businesses that have received gold awards from the U.K.-based Green Tourism Business Scheme.

The program, run by the non-profit company Green Business UK Ltd., rates sustainable practices in tourism. The Siwash Lake Ranch at 70 Mile House, offering horseback-riding and fly-fishing vacations.

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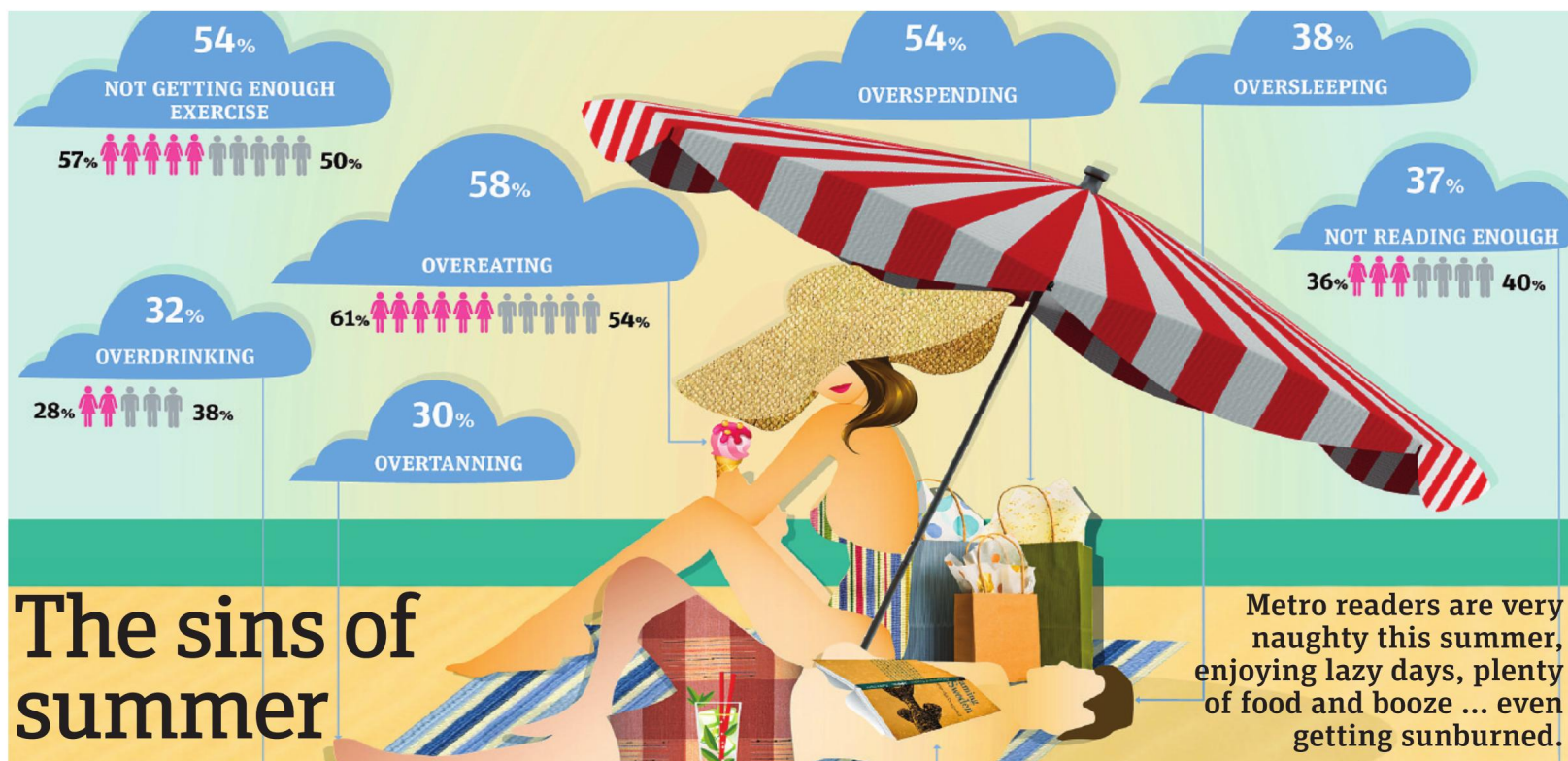
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- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tea (brewed strong; cooled)
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) freshly made lemonade (equal parts lemon juice, sugar and water)
- Fruit, for garnish

In a glass, combine ingredients over ice. Garnish with fresh fruit such as lemon.

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► Barbecue flank beef works well in refreshing salads like this Vietnamese-inspired one

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Barbecued flank beef shines in sandwiches and salads like this one.

Pick up an extra flank steak when shopping and throw it on the grill. Use one in this recipe with fresh vegetables and serve the second the next night in an open-face steak and

cheddar melt sandwich.

Preparation:

- 1 In a large resealable freezer bag, combine garlic, shallot, brown sugar, oil, fish sauce, soy sauce and pepper. Pierce steak all over with a fork; place in bag and

Ingredients:

Vietnamese Flank Steak

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 25 ml (5 tsp) packed brown sugar
- 20 ml (4 tsp) vegetable oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each fish sauce and soy sauce
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) pepper
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) beef flank marinating steak

Noodle Salad

- 250 g (8 oz) fine rice vermicelli
- 750 ml (3 cups) shredded

- lettuce
- 750 ml (3 cups) fresh bean sprouts
- 12 fresh mint sprigs
- Half an English cucumber, julienned
- 1 tomato, cut into wedges (optional)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped roasted peanuts

Sauce

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) cold water
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lime juice
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fish sauce
- 1 Thai chili, thinly sliced



► This refreshing salad features flank beef, cucumbers, shredded lettuce, bean sprouts, tomatoes and vermicelli noodles.

refrigerate for 8 hours or up to 24 hours.

- 2 Place steak on greased grill over medium-high heat (200 C/400 F); close lid and grill for 5 to 6 minutes per side for medium. Remove from heat. Tent with foil; let stand for 5 minutes before

slicing across the grain.

- 3 Noodle Salad: Cook vermicelli according to package instructions. Place in a shallow bowl or platter along with shredded lettuce, fresh bean sprouts, mint sprigs, cucumber and

tomato, if using. Top with roasted peanuts.

- 4 Sauce: In a bowl, combine water, lime juice, sugar, fish sauce and chili; splash over noodle salad and toss to combine. Serve salad with steak. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ BEEF INFO CENTRE




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Where Emily is now

Since I just graduated in June, I'm currently doing a full-time, paid internship. I felt this was the best way to go as it would allow me to make a bit of money, while also gaining more experience in my field. I also plan to further my education sometime in the near future.

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During my three year Public Relations Advanced Diploma program at Humber College, we were required to complete a 15-week internship in order to graduate.

The process of finding an internship while in school was made easier as we had an online portal where employers could post opportunities that we could apply for.

I managed to get an internship at a start-up company and received an honorarium of \$100 a month.

However, as the company was small, they didn't have the funding for me to stay on as a full-time employee. While I was still interning, my supervisor was amazing at reaching out to her contacts to help me find a job.

I also utilized many on-line tools for my job search, including Twitter, job search engines and email. I emailed as many public relations agencies as I could, briefly explaining my experience and how I could fit in with their company.

What I learned

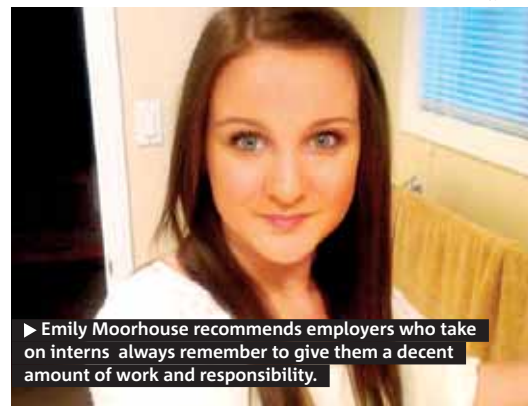
Key take-aways from Emily's experience:

- ▶ Build a network of contacts by attending events and meeting new people. Bring along personal business cards to show others that you're prepared and serious about the job hunt.
- ▶ Internships are a great way to develop new skills and test different work environments. With one or two internships under your belt, you'll be more ready for the work world when you start searching for entry-level positions.

During this process, I learned how important it is to customize your cover letter and objective to the specific place you are applying. It's also crucial to double and triple check for correct names and spelling.

In the end I saw a posting for a social media internship for an online global publication. I sent an email to the social media manager, which included a brief introduction of myself, my cover letter and my resumé.

I then spoke with her on the phone, and was offered an interview at the Toronto



▶ Emily Moorhouse recommends employers who take on interns always remember to give them a decent amount of work and responsibility.

office. Thankfully, I'm a people person and I don't get shy when it comes to talking about career related topics. After leaving the interview feeling confident, I was later offered the internship.

I think it's important to do at least one or two internships before searching for entry-level careers. Internships give you a chance to develop your skills and get a better understanding of the work environments that you enjoy (or don't enjoy!).

Another plus of internships is, depending on the impression you leave and the size of the company, you may be offered a job after your placement.

I think the greatest piece of advice I could give to students looking to land their

own internships, would be to network and volunteer as much as you can while in school.

It's so important to build a network of contacts and connections. If you're willing to take time out of your busy schedule to do volunteer work, the people you are volunteering for may be inclined to provide a valuable reference for you down the road.

A great way to network is to attend events and really put yourself out there. Take along some personal business cards that include your Twitter handle or your LinkedIn URL (if you're active on those sites).

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MacKinnon will be a 'fan favourite': Canada Games coach

► MacKinnon trade from Baie-Comeau expected announced today
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So what's the deal with this Nathan MacKinnon kid, anyway?

The 15-year-old Cole Harbour native is expected to officially become a member of the Halifax Mooseheads this morning in a blockbuster trade with the Baie-Comeau Drakkar.

And those who have yet to see MacKinnon play have got to be wondering what all the fuss is about.

The fuss is about the No. 1 overall pick in the QMJHL draft and a five-foot-11, 170-pound centre who The Hockey News has already pegged as a top-five prospect for the 2013 NHL draft.

"When he's busting down the wing, you don't have to be a hockey fan to know something special's going on, that he's a little better than anyone else," said Troy Ryan, MacKinnon's assistant coach at the Canada Winter Games. "You can hear it in the sound of the crowd."

MacKinnon, who is coming off a 39-goal, 85-point season at Shattuck St. Mary's prep school in the state of Minnesota, was

sensational at the Canada Games, finishing the seven-game tournament with eight goals and three assists.

"He's a very dynamic and explosive hockey player," said former Mooseheads associate coach Chris Donnelly, who was MacKinnon's head coach at the Games.

"He only needs two or three steps and he's at full flight ... He's not afraid to get in the dirty areas and he plays with an edge."

Ryan said MacKinnon "lurks around like a shark" in the offensive zone.

"He wants the puck on his stick, he wants to be the guy that either succeeds or fails," Ryan said.

Nobody wants to put unfair expectations on MacKinnon as a QMJHL rookie, and his linemates and ice time will in part dictate his point total. But his hard-working style is unlikely to disappoint, Donnelly said.

"He's a guy who won't cheat the fans one dime in the way he plays," Donnelly said. "He's going to be a fan favourite because of the charisma he brings and the style of game he plays ... and he will be a team-first guy, there's no question about it."



► Nathan MacKinnon in his Team Nova Scotia jersey at the Canada Winter Games.

Mooseheads tweets



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Cameron Critchlow

"Hope Nathan MacKinnon like the smell of old spice.. Cause he is officially under my wing #youngblood"



German Greipel outsprints rival at Tour

After all the feuding and hard words, Andre Greipel finally got what he wanted and it had nothing to do with talk: a winning ride in the Tour de France.

The German sprinter beat Mark Cavendish — his former teammate and sometimes adversary — by the length of a wheel yesterday to capture the 10th stage of a three-week race that is soon to leave

the flatlands for the perilous climbs of the Pyrenees.

Thomas Voeckler of France kept the yellow jersey after nestling safely in the main pack for most of the day. Defending champion Alberto Contador did much the same, and the Spaniard had even more reason to be careful after hurting his right knee during crashes in the fifth and



► Andre Greipel celebrates his win.

ninth stages.
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Sports in brief

Armada new name of relocated team

QMJHL The former Montreal Juniors of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League will be called the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada. The players will wear black and white jerseys with the name Armada written across a capital A as its logo, the club announced yesterday. The

Juniors were sold in June to a group led Joel Bouchard, a former NHL defenceman.

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Oilers deal Cogliano to Ducks

NHL The Edmonton Oilers traded centre Andrew Cogliano to the Anaheim Ducks yesterday in exchange for a second-round draft pick in 2013.

Cogliano was drafted 25th overall by Edmonton in the 2005 draft and had 11 goals and 35 points last season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chevy can also supply a windscreen that's secured between the seats to help keep most baby-boomer comb-overs in place.

Smooth ride

The firm-riding Camaro features 20-inch wheels that, when tested, clung tenaciously to the twisty tarmac. The optional leather-covered bucket seats provided equal grip and were pleasantly comfortable for long-distance driving.

You'll also be hard-pressed to see or feel any bizarre shaking or body flex that's problematic on some other convertible designs.

Mighty SS

The Camaro convertible SS model comes with a 426-horsepower 6.2-litre V8 and a six-speed manual transmission.

There's also a 312-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 unit that comes with the optional six-speed automatic. Still, its extra-cost black centre stripe and 20-inch polished aluminum wheels made it appear almost indistinguishable from the mighty SS.



► For all its size, the Camaro convertible doesn't hold much in the way of people or cargo. But that's not really the point of this style statement, now is it.

Cruising season is finally here; need a reminder?

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High-school reunions are great for reminiscing about the way we were. And the perfect four-wheeled time machine for such an event is the 2011 Camaro convertible.

The year I departed my alma mater in 1967 was the Camaro's freshman season. By then, Ford's ground-breaking Mustang had been around for two and a half years and had generated worldwide sales in excess of 1.3 million copies.

Even so, the Chevy rival attracted plenty of atten-

tion with its head-turning good looks and enough available grunt to lay down lengthy rubber strips whenever the driver tapped the gas pedal.

To my teenage way of thinking, the original Camaro's sophistication and swagger (especially the Rally Sport convertible model

with its hidden headlights) blew the Mustang into the weeds and would have been my personal preference if only I had possessed the financial wherewithal.

Chevrolet mothballed the Camaro on its 35th anniversary in 2002, but with great fanfare the stunning coupe returned for the

2010 model year.

The convertible was released this past February, just in time for the spring and summer cruising season.

Whether it's around the block or across the country, the Camaro should definitely transport you to another state of mind.

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An upscale driving experience

► Volkswagen Tiguan loved for refinement, sportiness

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The VW Tiguan is a compact SUV that was launched in 2009 to Canadian shoppers. Still on sale, the model receives an update for the 2011 model year.

With standard turbo power, two or all-wheel drive and sporty driving dynamics, the Volkswagen Tiguan stood out in the marketplace as a sporty and exciting contender.

Standard equipment included a two-litre four-cylinder turbo engine with 200 horsepower, front-wheel drive and a five-speed man-

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2009 to 2011 Volkswagen Tiguan
- **Vehicle type:** Crossover SUV

ual transmission. A six-speed automatic was available, and standard on 4Motion all wheel drive models.

Feature content included heated leather seating, a sunroof, navigation, rain-sensing wipers, a backup camera, Bluetooth and automatic climate control.

What Owners Like

Tiguan owners typically rave about sporty ride and handling characteristics, impeccable fit and finish, classy styling, and a long list



► 2010 Volkswagen Tiguan

of bells and whistles.

Small car driving manners and manoeuvrability are also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints of the Tiguan tend to be centred around minor interior rattles as the vehicle ages, as well as its requirement to run on premium gas.

Some owners wish for

better gas mileage, and many complain of limited cargo space in the back.

Common Issues

Start a test-drive of the Tiguan with a full check of all interior electronics — including the power/heated seats, navigation system and all lights.

A few owners have reported having transmis-

sions replaced under warranty, and others note a strange and intermittent “thump” as the vehicle comes to a stop in traffic.

Information on Tiguan transmission issues is scarce, but if the automatic gearbox in the unit you're considering exhibits any unwelcomed behaviour, be sure to have it checked out.

Note that any sputtering

or “lumpiness” in acceleration could be caused by a bad engine sensor or ignition coil packs, and that any check engine lights should be investigated by a trained VW mechanic.

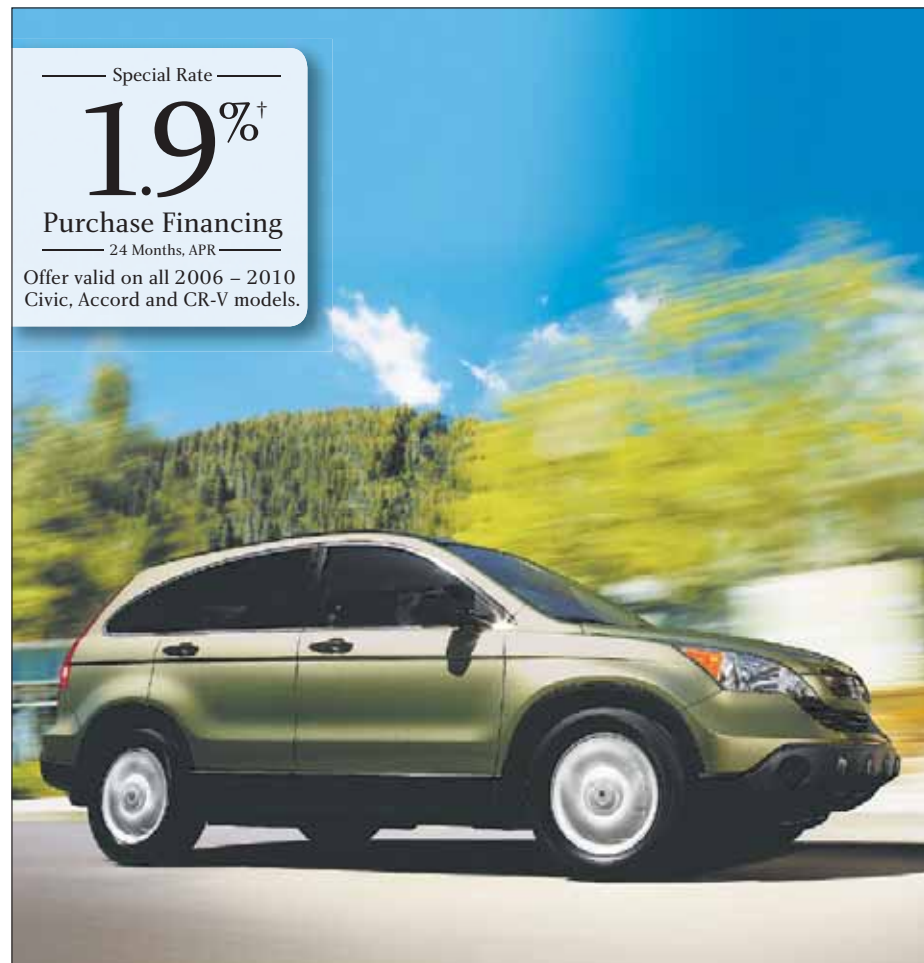
Finally, check the floor carpeting, especially around the front footwells for signs of moisture, which could indicate a clogged or pinched-off sun-roof drainage tube.

The Verdict

Tiguan will command a price premium for its purchase and operating costs, though most owners agree that the upscale driving experience and sporty performance more than compensate.



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LEASING AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, PART II

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A few years back certain automakers were really big into leasing. Then they dropped it like a hot potato salad. Yes, very messy.

In an effort to get business by establishing lower and lower monthly lease payments, many automakers set way too optimistic lease-end residual prices.

These vehicles then flooded the used market and over-supply conditions further decreased their already unrealistic values.

Net result: automakers and lessors had to suck up the difference, and suffered huge losses in their leasing portfolios. Grumpy faces all around.

They're not going to do that again. Oh wait, they might be... Yes, Chrysler and GM are back into leasing. And other automakers that significantly scaled back their leasing efforts, like Ford, are now scaling back up.



► Leasing is not restricted to luxury cars, but luxury cars, like this BMW 5 Series, have always maintained a higher percentage of lease customers than their mainstream counterparts.

Well leasing is back, but you can be sure that automakers have learned valuable lessons. Leasing is different now.

Generally, automakers will now be more selective on which models they offer leasing programs on, and will have self-imposed limits on their overall leasing penetration. Ford, for instance, wants to keep it around 10 per cent of their overall sales.

Luxury makes have more pressure to lease — their affluent customers like to, and can afford to, get into new vehicles more often, and leasing is a great no-fuss no-muss way to get that done. If you're always driving a relatively new vehicle it's going to be expensive, no matter which financing method you use.

Which brings us back to an essential point of leasing — leasing is not for every-

one. In the previous era, many customers were mesmerized by those lower-then-low monthly payments, and then found out the hard way, that it didn't suit their budget, needs or lifestyle. If they didn't look after the vehicle properly and/or drove it a ton, they got stung at lease end with excessive kilometre and "wear and tear" charges.

By adhering to more realistic residual (or end-of-lease) values, leasing offers are better structured than they were in the past, but lost the clear-cut cost advantage they previously held over their main competitor — a financed car loan. But automakers still use attractive lease rates to move certain models, so good leases deals are out there.

Do some reading before you go lease happy. The

Canadian Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) has published a useful document called, Turning the Lights on Leasing, which is accessible on its website (cada.ca).

Another resource is the software application, Expert Lease Pro, available at leasetips.com.

I asked publisher, Charles Hart, what is the most misunderstood aspect of leasing, by consumers?

"That it's a legal contract," said Hart. "You're entering into a legal contract. Not just taking a loan and then purchasing something. Distinct difference... Like any contract, you need to read it and understand it, before you enter into it."

And once you're in, be prepared to go the distance.

Hart noted you could prematurely end a lease.

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The next time you're cursing dandelions as you're digging them out of your lawn, try not to be so hard on them: they might be part of your car someday.

Ford has partnered with Ohio State University's agricultural research department to see if the milky sap in dandelion roots can be used in place of latex to make rubber for vehicle parts.

"I believe oil will become more scarce and we need to look at alternative materials that we can grow in this country," says Debbie Mielewski, technical leader of plastics research for Ford in Michigan.

"We use a lot of synthetic rubber and it's made from petroleum. Rubber is a natural product, but it's grown in Southeast Asia. Transportation costs are getting ridiculous, the plants are being hit by blight, and they're cutting down trees at a much higher rate than they're replacing them, so we don't think it's feasible long-term."



You're not going to get rich by weeding and selling the result. In order to get enough sap from each plant, the dandelions being studied are a special strain that's native to Russia.

"These roots are enormous compared to those in our regular dandelions here," Mielewski says.

"They were looking at it during World War Two as a local source of rubber because nothing was shipping in, but research stopped after the war ended. In the last few years, Ohio State started to look at it to see if we can grow it here as a natural source of rubber."

The dandelions are harvested, dried, and their roots snapped open to obtain the sap. In testing, it's being used the same way as natural latex to form rubber. Even if the weeds have potential, Mielewski warns that it will take years before the product actually comes to market.

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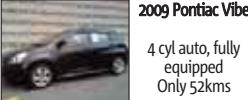
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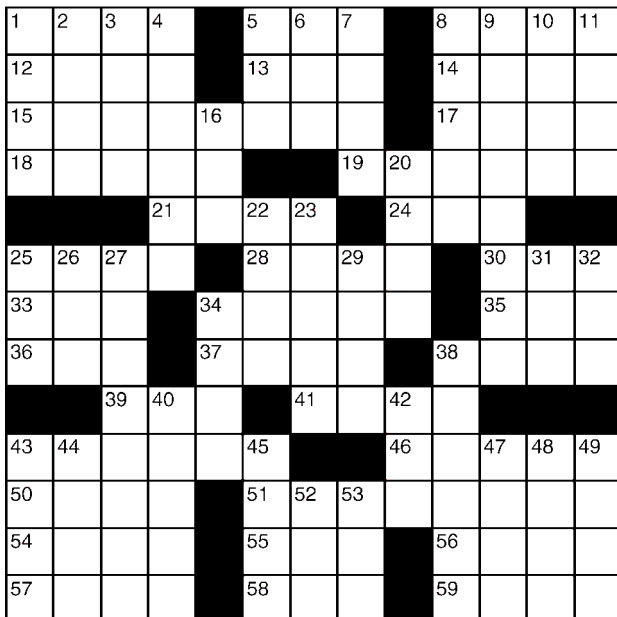
Crossword

Across

- 1 Mary's pet
- 5 Sleepwear, for short
- 8 Commotions
- 12 Brit's exclamation
- 13 Debtor's letters
- 14 Domesticated
- 15 Made moist
- 17 Send forth
- 18 Lance
- 19 Crouches
- 21 Line of fashion?
- 24 Boom times
- 25 Auction actions
- 28 Asian desert
- 30 Animation frame
- 33 Historic time
- 34 Bolivian city
- 35 Guitar's cousin
- 36 Jewel
- 37 War god
- 38 Cruising
- 39 Pick a target
- 41 Profound
- 43 Jamaican music style
- 46 Blunder
- 50 Satan's specialty
- 51 Greek threatened by a sword
- 54 Flintstones' pet
- 55 Wildebeest
- 56 Aid
- 57 Lily variety
- 58 Tackle's teammate
- 59 Slithery

Down

- 1 Covers
- 2 Now, on a memo
- 3 Jerry Herman musical
- 4 Circumvent
- 5 Wrestling win

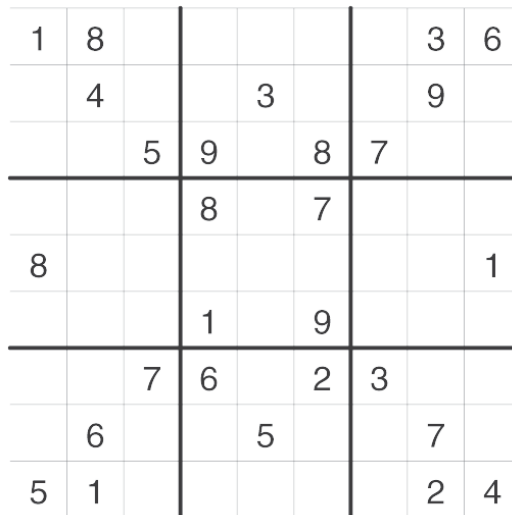


- 6 Scarborough of MSNBC
- 7 Lather
- 8 Enjoyed thoroughly
- 9 Syrian city
- 10 Leave out
- 11 Collections
- 16 Before
- 20 Classroom surprise
- 22 Culture medium
- 23 Segway alternative
- 25 Plead
- 26 Rage
- 27 Harmful
- 29 Diamond corner
- 31 — out a living
- 32 Meadow
- 34 Dalai —
- 38 Iraq War helicopter
- 40 Nome dome home
- 42 Id counterpart
- 43 Cincinnati team
- 44 1960s singer Sands
- 45 Rim
- 47 Run away
- 48 Toppled
- 49 Catch sight of
- 52 Massachusetts cape
- 53 Pie filling?

Yesterday's answer



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5	3	6	9	7	1	2	4	8
2	8	9	6	5	4	3	7	1
9	5	8	4	6	7	1	3	2
3	6	4	1	2	5	7	8	9
1	2	7	8	3	9	4	5	6
8	7	3	5	1	6	9	2	4
4	1	2	3	9	8	5	6	7
6	9	5	7	4	2	8	1	3

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My dashing blue, You're more powerful than I am. My only regret that things could have been handled better than how they were. Love is a powerful feeling & we made no sin falling in love. That is the feeling I always got from you - sin/oh no/sin. Never happened w/ me b4 hon, will never happen again coz the space is filled, coz there is only one of you who is really spectacular in this whole world. Wish u all my love now n always. **FINAL THOUGHT :)**

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

You won't hesitate to speak your mind. Be careful because what you say could have far-reaching results.

♉ **Taurus April 21-May 21** If you went to extremes in some way yesterday, you will have to balance things out over the next 24 hours.

♊ **Gemini May 22-June 21** You may be a bit unsure of yourself, but it's nothing to worry about. Tomorrow you'll be back to your best.

♋ **Cancer June 22-July 22** If your current workload is heavy, you will need help from partners.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Don't worry if you fall out with a friend because you will be the best of mates again by tomorrow.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22** If you want guarantees you won't be out of pocket if you agree with a pal's proposal, you're asking too much.

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Your way with words will charm everyone around you today.

♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** You will clash with someone whose opinions you disagree with, not for the first time and not for the last.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You need to channel your feelings into something of a worthwhile nature, such as a creative project.

♑ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** You're not in the mood for fun and games. These are serious times.

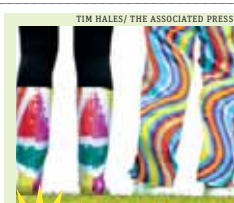
♒ **Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** You're in everyone's good books at the moment and if you are smart, you will make the most of it.

♓ **Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** If you've made a promise, you must live up to it — especially on the work front. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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"I'm not sure burping babies applies to the entire animal kingdom!"
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